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PART TWO

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PREVIOUSLY...

TERROR IN THE ECHIDNA HOMELAND!

Sonic the Hedgehog is leading Tails and Amy around the world as Team Fighters – a strike team for justice! They've been tracking down Dr. Eggman and the Death Egg II to stop his evil ways and rescue one of their own: the roboticized and weaponized Princess Sally Acorn.



But Dr. Eggman will do anything to throw Team Fighters off the trail, including sending an invasion force to the echidna homeland. The echidnas have suffered through much as of late, leaving only a small population of survivors. It wouldn't take a lot to destroy their kind entirely, and when Team Fighters arrived on the scene, the



outlook for the echidna race was NOT looking good. A fierce battle between the survivors, Team Fighters, and Eggman's forces ensued, and the tide of the skirmish took a turn for evil when Eggman's Metal Knuckles robot returned to knock Sonic the Hedgehog unconscious!

The battle seemed hopeless, but a distress call DID reach Angel Island and the attention of Knuckles the Echidna, revered guardian of the master emerald and protector of his people. With the rest of his team of Chaotix heroes occupied elsewhere, Knuckles has embarked on a rescue mission to his homeland, **completely unprepared for the level of devastation he must now witness...**



Who's Who



SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
SUPER SPEEDY HERO



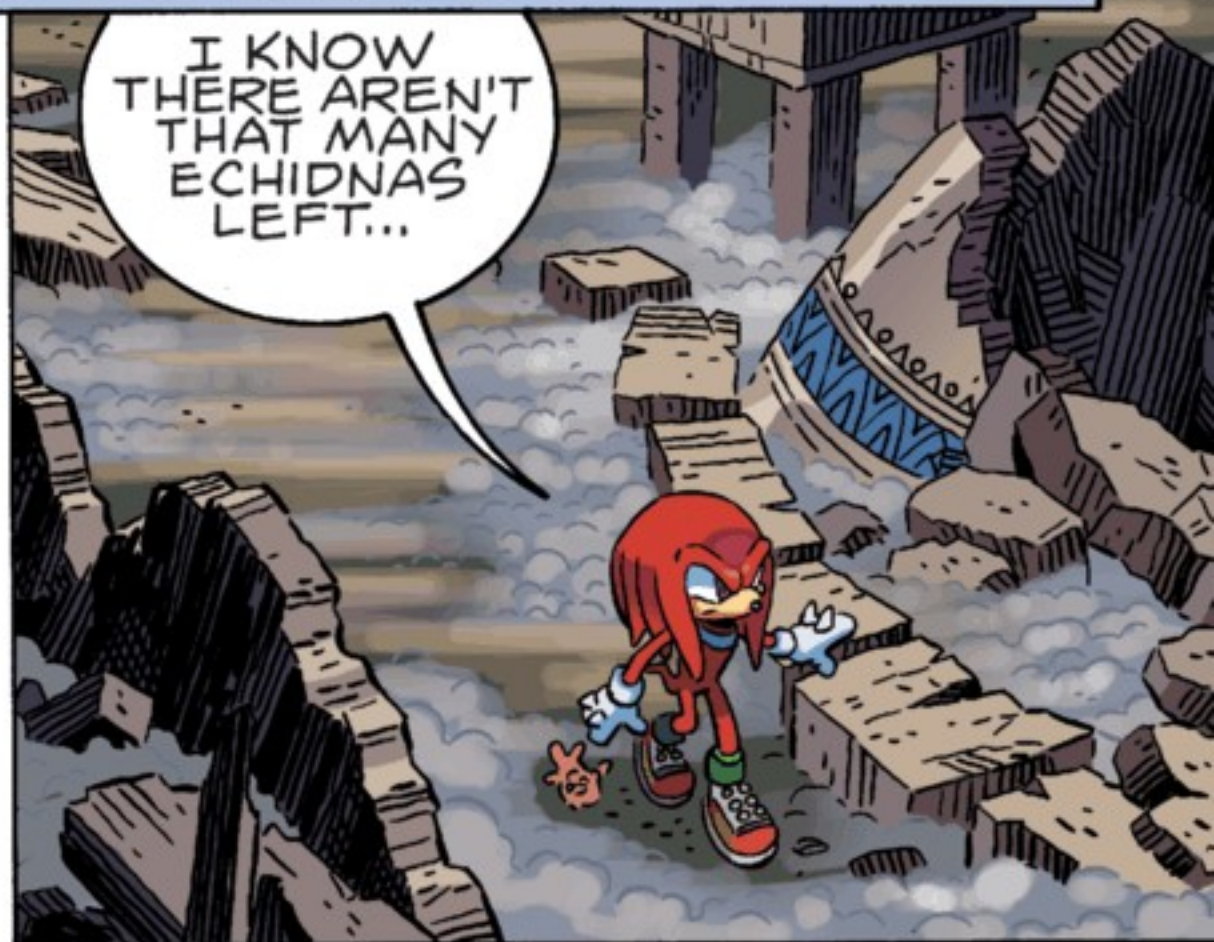
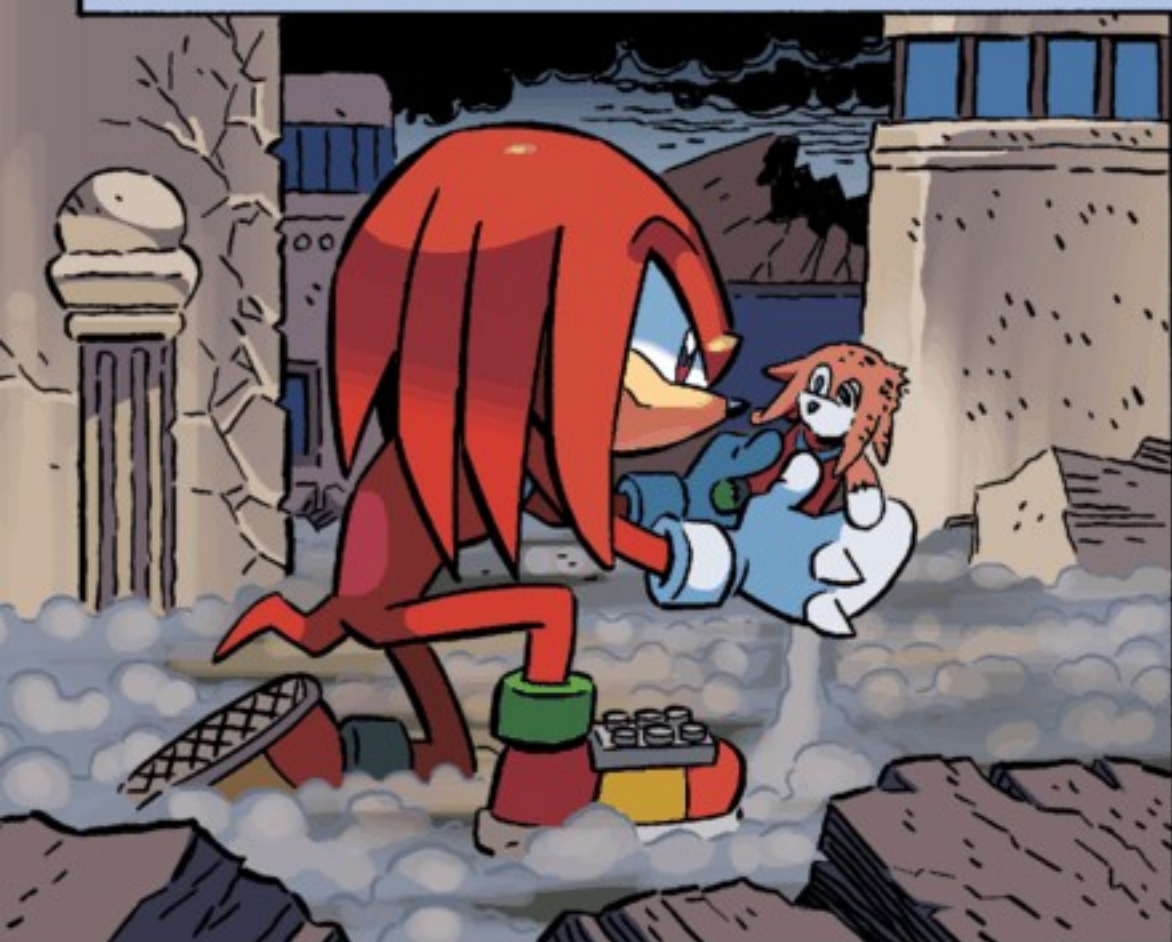
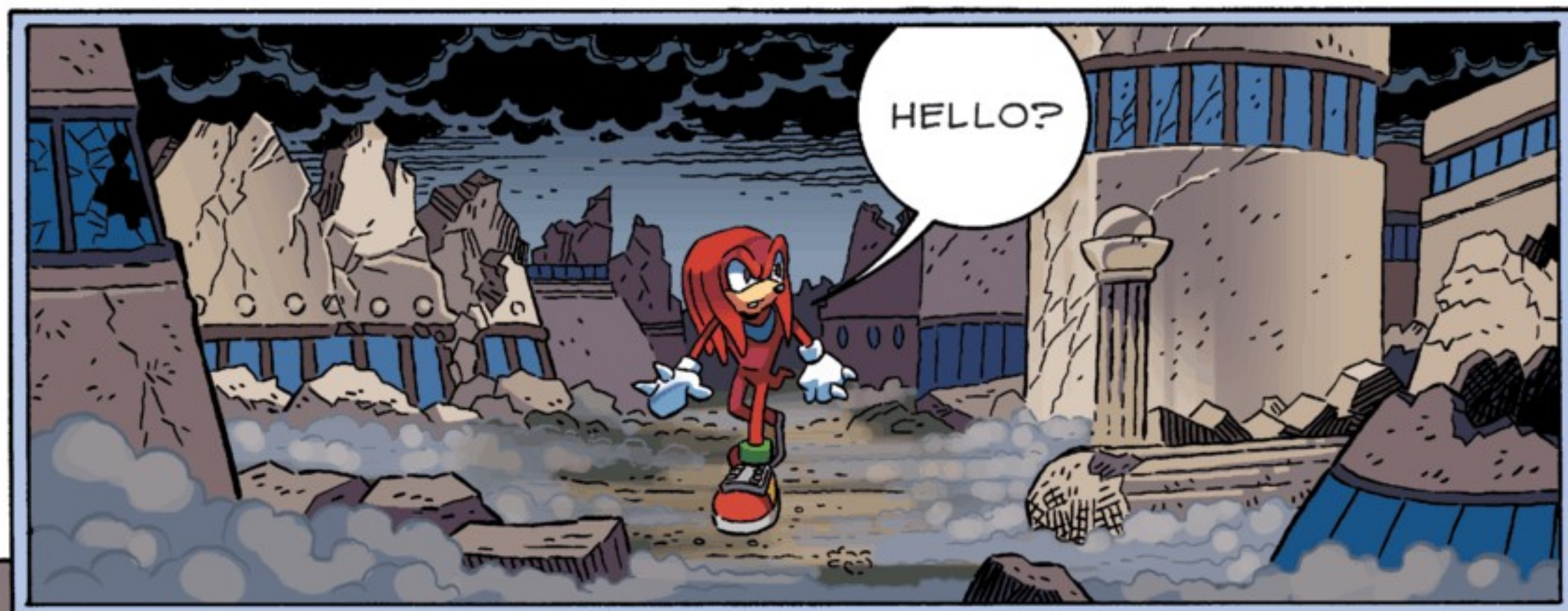
KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA
THE LAST GUARDIAN OF ANGEL ISLAND



TAILS & AMY
SONIC'S TEAM FIGHTERS



THRASH THE DEVIL
QUEST-DRIVEN POWERHOUSE

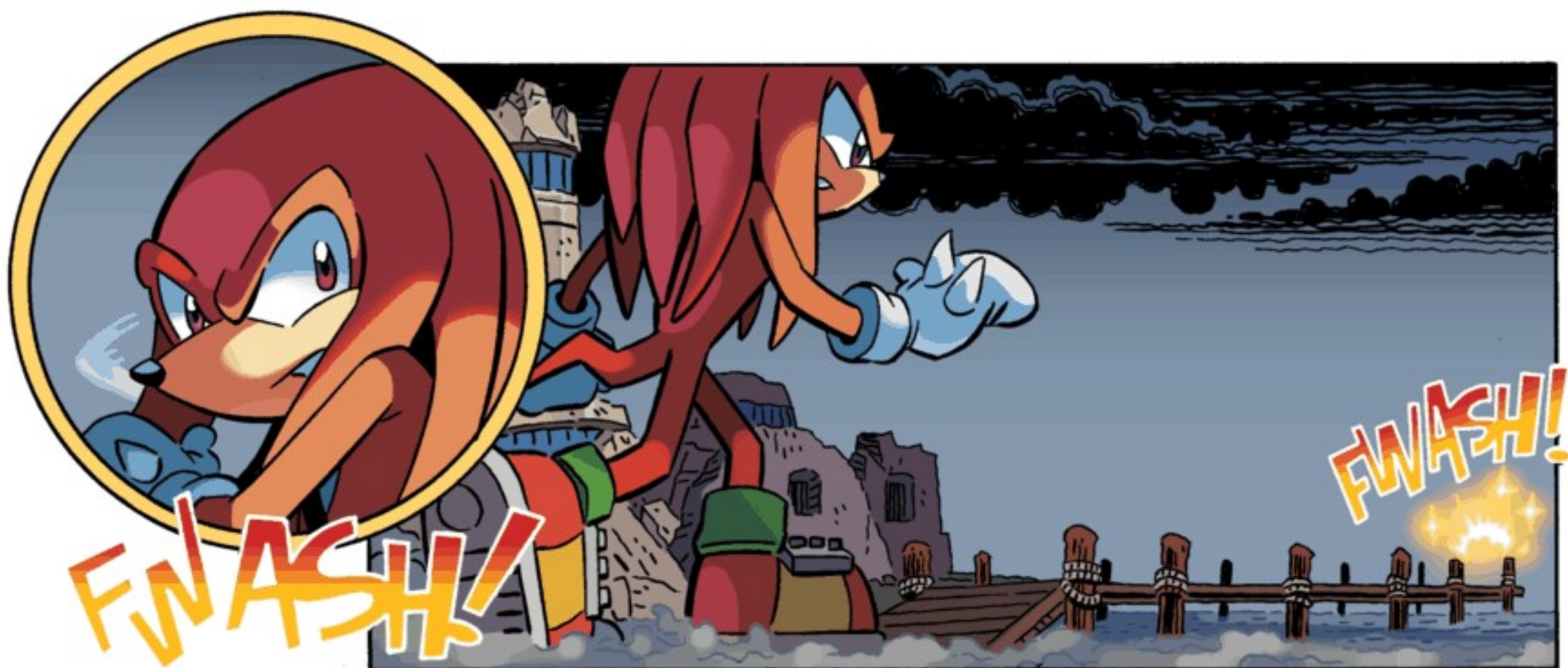


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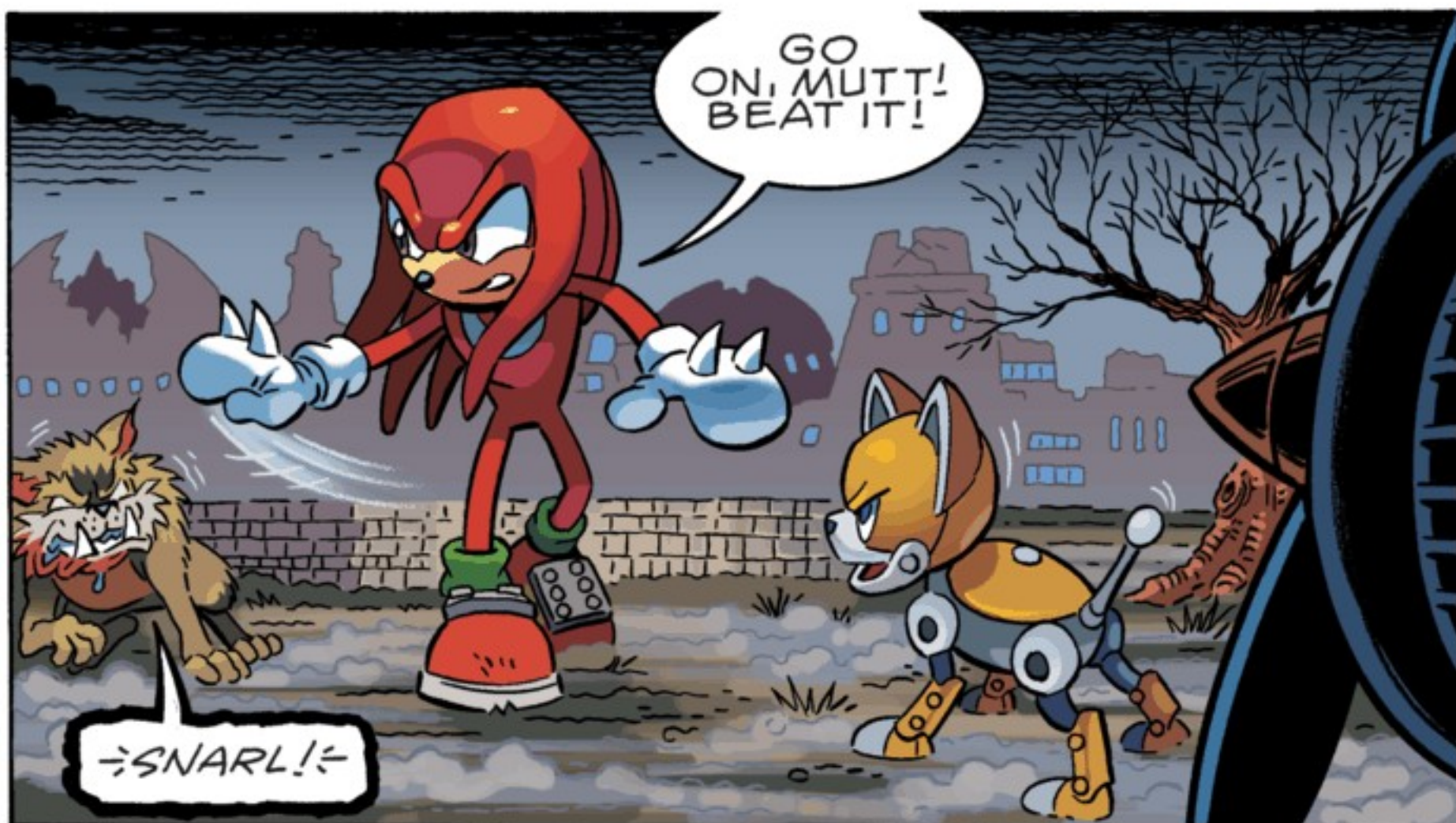
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GO ON, MUTT! BEAT IT!

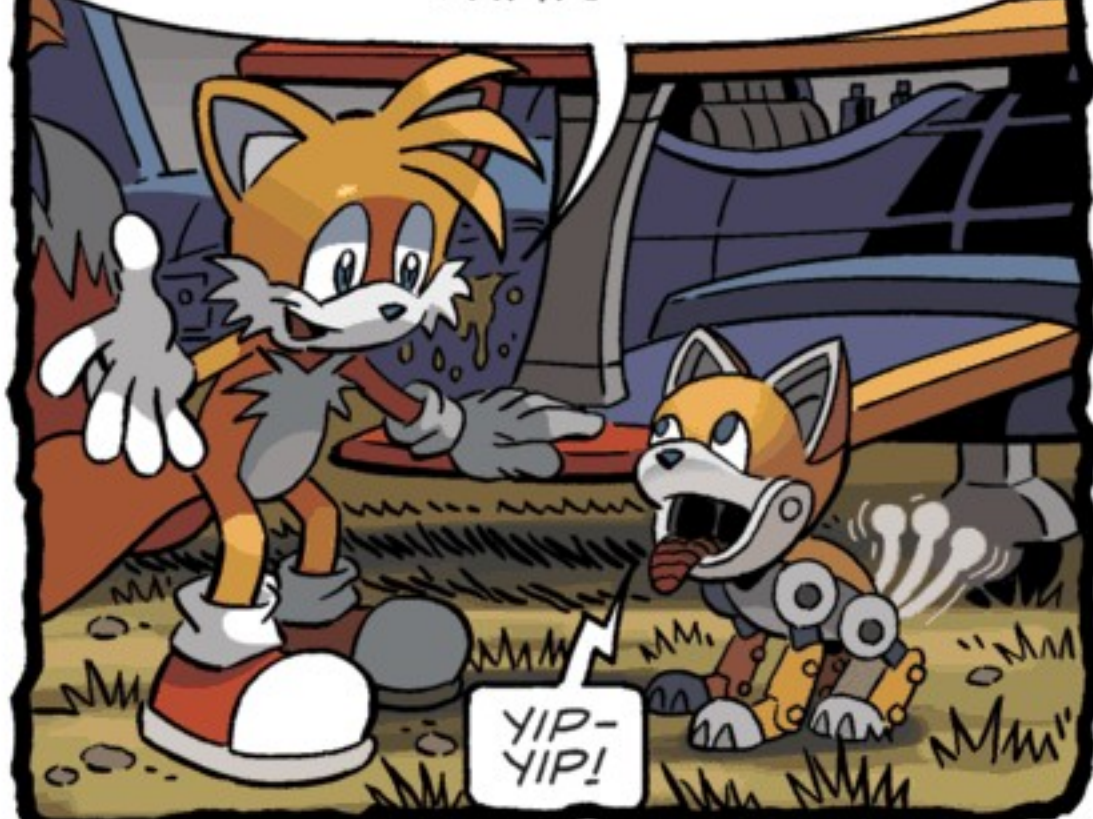
~SNARL!~

THIS IS THE TORNADO ...SO WHAT ARE TEAM FIGHTERS DOING HERE?



HOURS AGO...

WE'RE SCOUTING OUT UP AHEAD AND MAY BE GONE FOR A WHILE. SEAL UP THE GASHES AND DO WHAT YOU CAN TO SYNTHESIZE SOME FUEL. I'LL WORRY ABOUT THE STABILIZER LATER. GOT ALL THAT?



YIP-YIP!

ARE YOU ONE OF TAILS'S MECHANICAL THINGS?

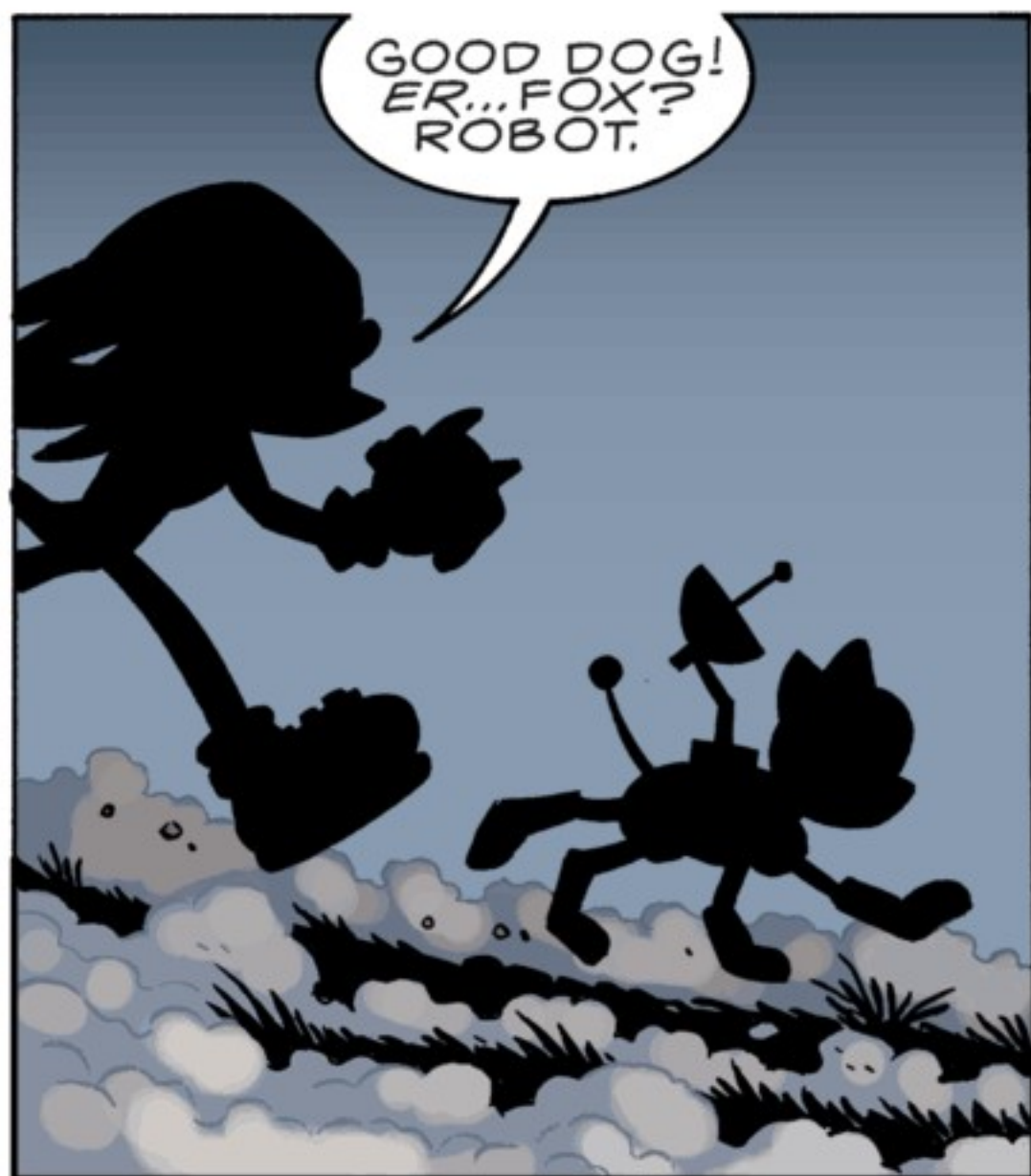
SHOULD'VE GUESSED BY THE COLOR SCHEME. I SUPPOSE I COULD USE SOME SUPPORT ...UH...CAN YOU HELP ME FIND THE OTHERS?

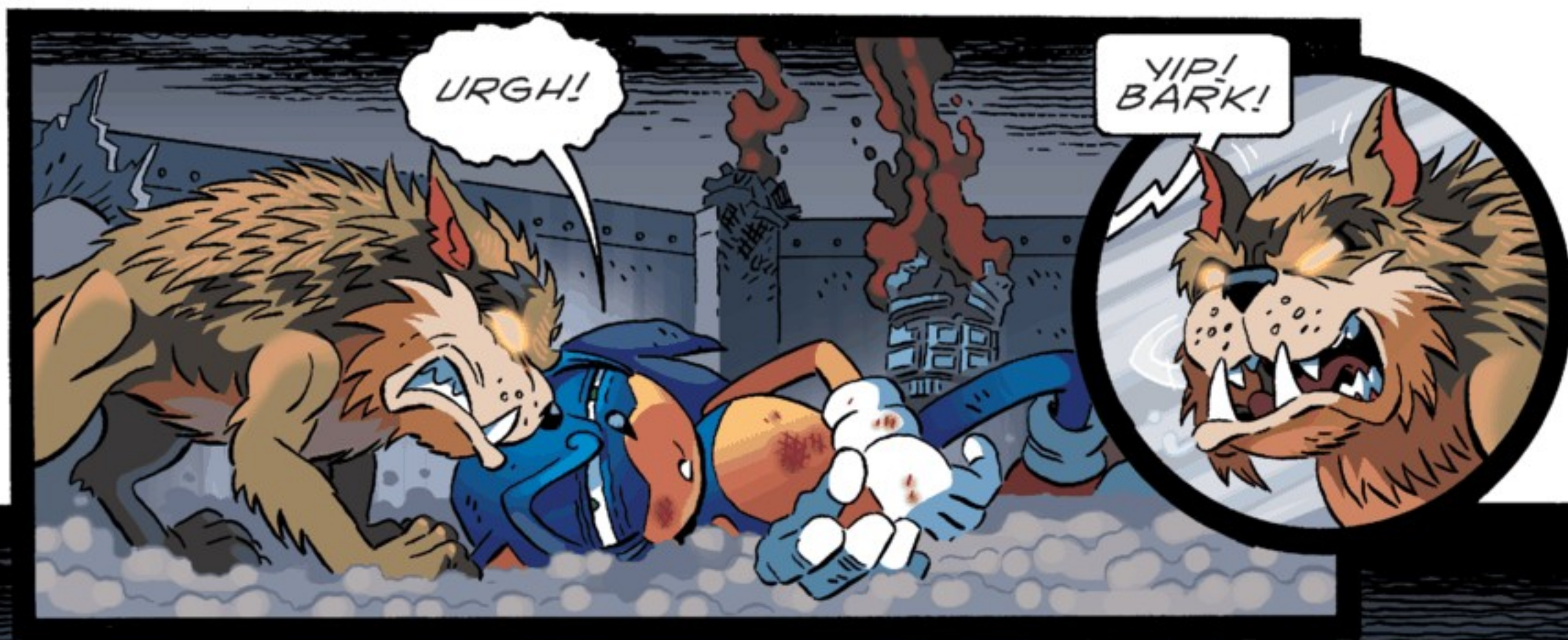
YIP!

YIP-YIP!



GOOD DOG! ER...FOX? ROBOT.







WHAT
HAPPENED TO
YOU GUYS?

METAL
KNUCKLES
...?

LAST THING
I REMEMBER
WAS FIGHTING
METAL
KNUCKLES...



EARLIER...

KRAK!



NOW.

HUH, WELL, SINCE
I CAN MOP THE
FLOOR WITH YOU...

DUDE,
SHUT THE
FACE.

ABOUT THAT--WHAT
HAPPENED TO YOU
THREE? DID YOU
DECIDE TO TAKE
A NAP?

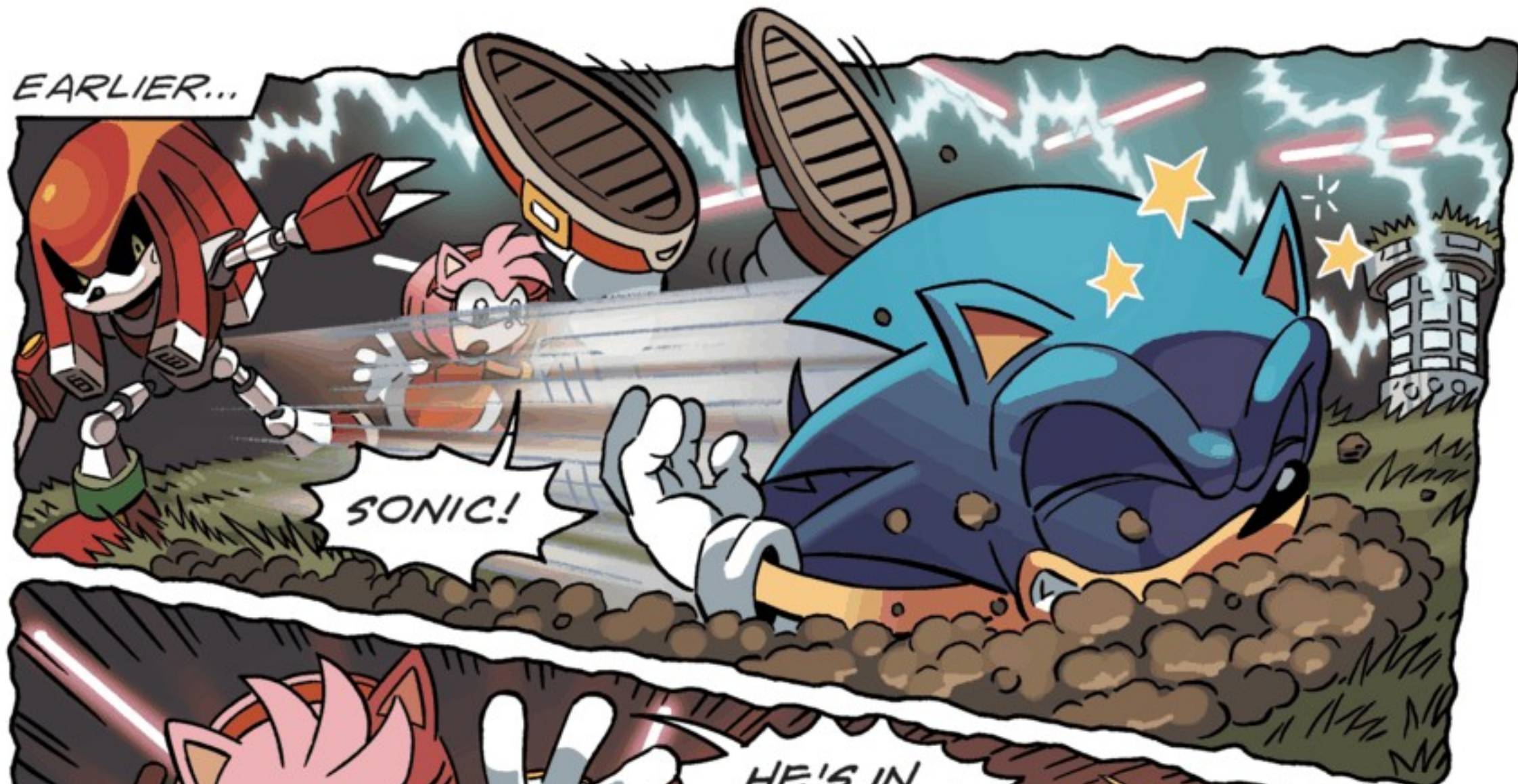
NO, IT
WASN'T
ANYTHING
THAT
PLEASANT...

ESPIO'S BEEN
KEEPING TABS
ON NEW MOBO-
TROPOLIS. HOW
GOES THE HUNT
FOR SALLY?

WORKING ON IT.
HAD TO SAVE
YOUR PEOPLE
FIRST.



EARLIER...



SONIC!

HE'S IN TROUBLE!

YOU HELP HIM...

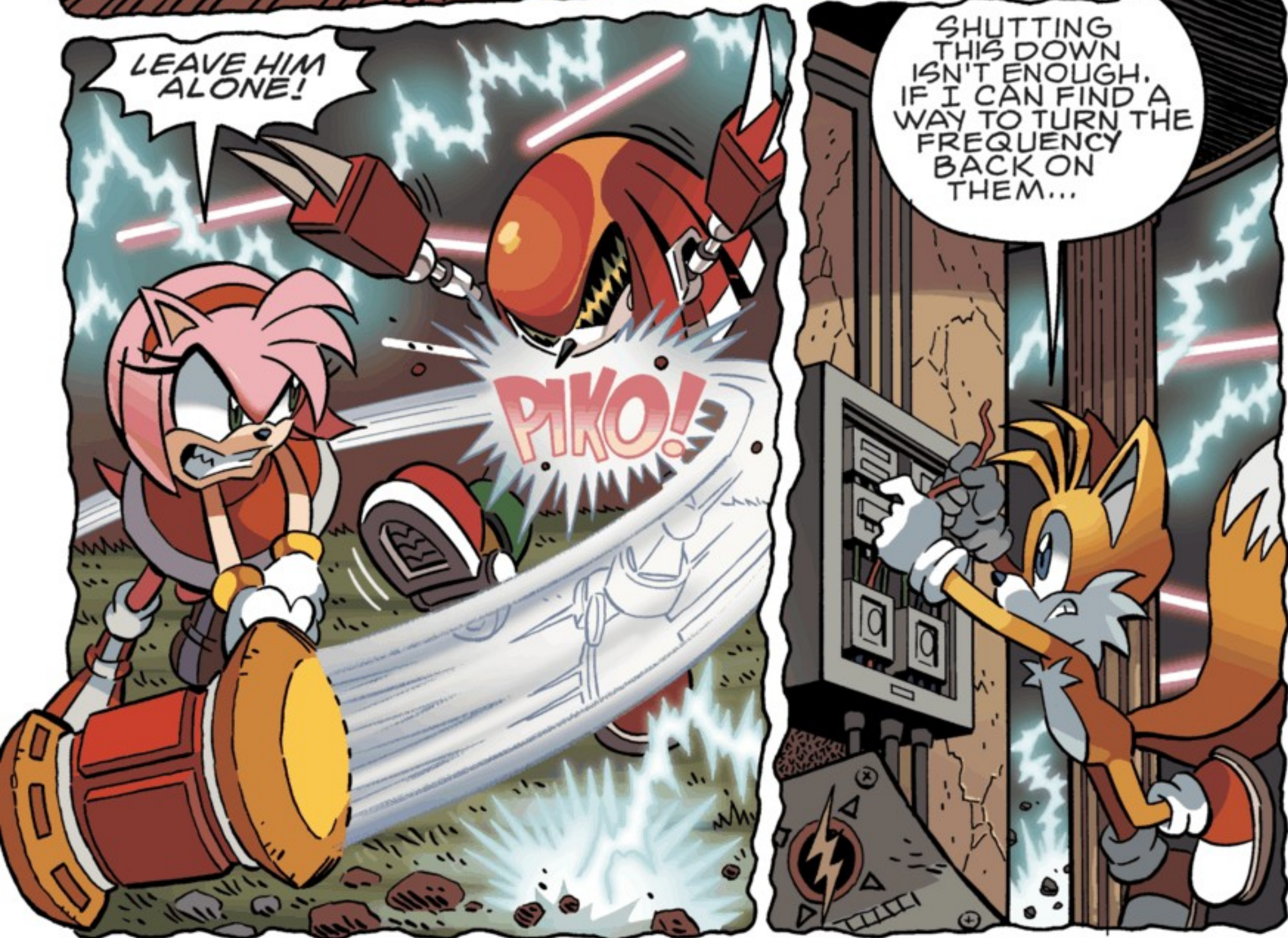
...I'LL DO SOMETHING ABOUT THESE STUN TRAPS!



LEAVE HIM ALONE!

PIKO!

SHUTTING THIS DOWN ISN'T ENOUGH. IF I CAN FIND A WAY TO TURN THE FREQUENCY BACK ON THEM...



NOW,

I CAN'T SAY FOR CERTAIN,
BUT I'D THEORIZE THAT--

SO WE
TOOK A FORCED
TIME-OUT.
BIG DEAL.

LET'S
GET
BACK
TO
IT.

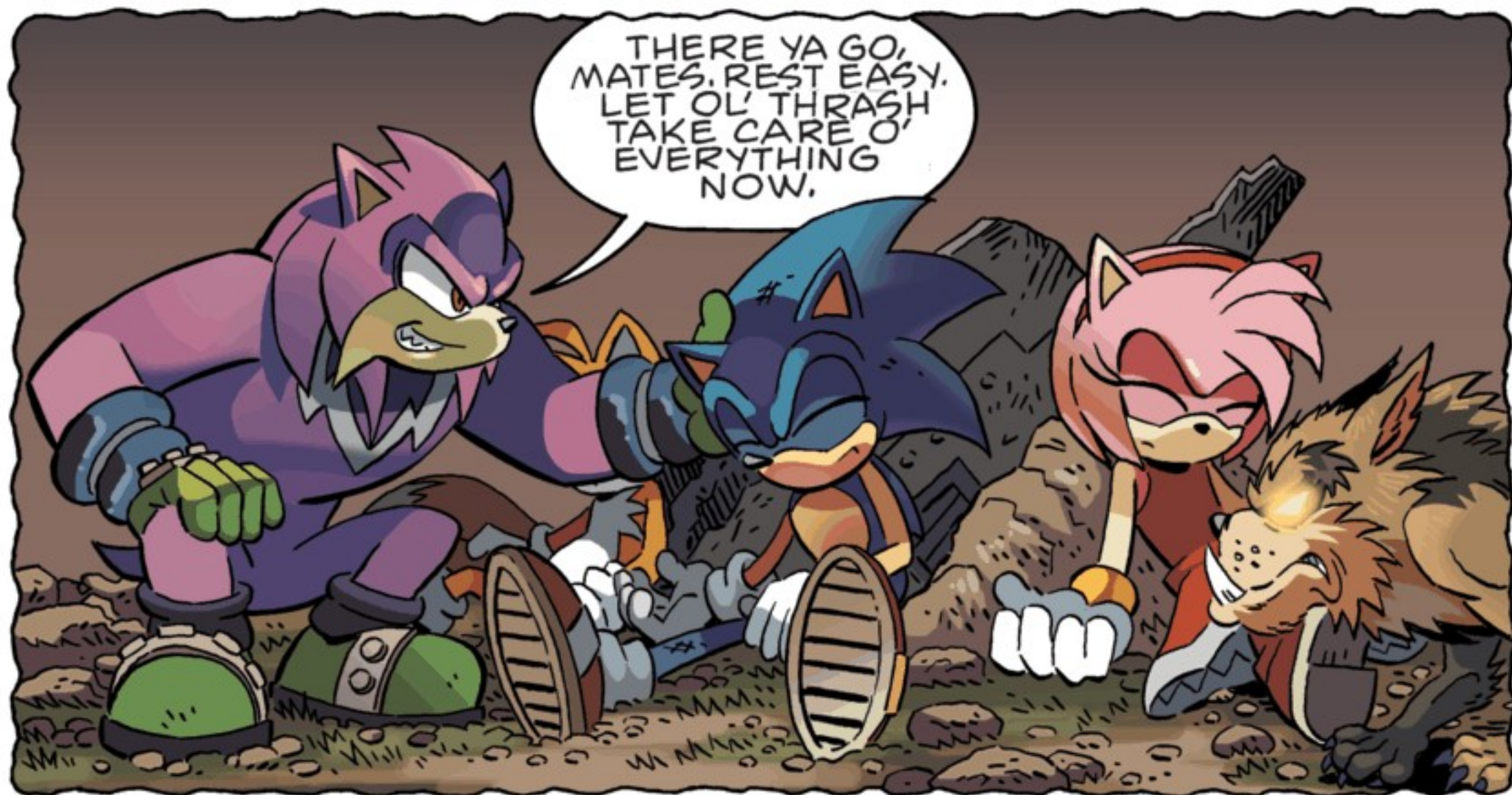
UGH... I
FEEL LIKE
I GOT HIT
WITH MY OWN
HAMMER...

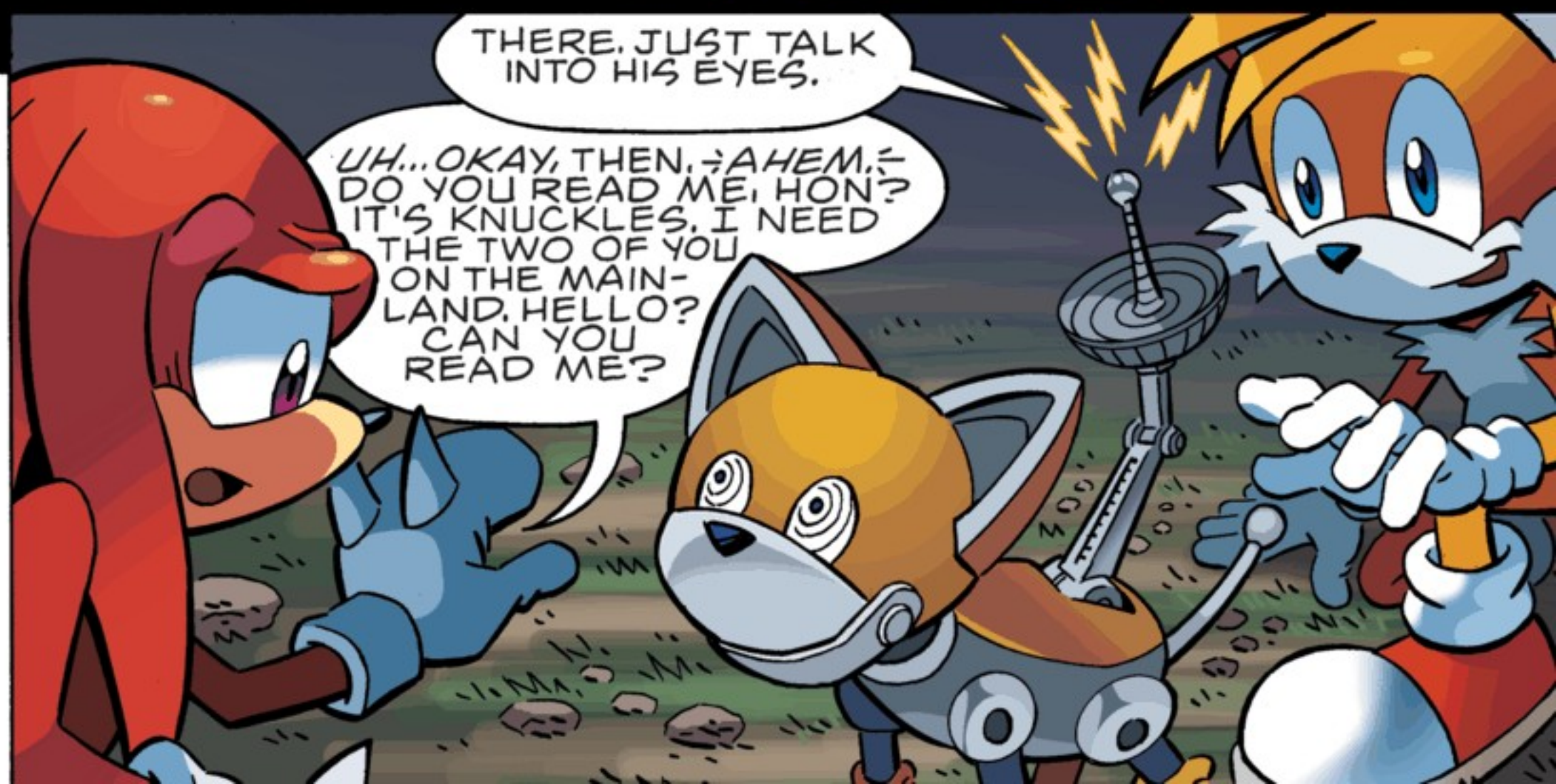
BUT IF THERE
WERE SO MANY
ECHIDNAS
FIGHTING
HERE...

...WHERE DID
THEY ALL
GO?

EARLIER...







HOURS AGO...

ARE YOU SURE YOU DON'T WANT ME THERE? I'VE GOT MORE EXPERIENCE WITH THIS SORT OF THING.

NO, NO, I CAN DO THIS. (I THINK.) YOU TWO WATCH THE MASTER EMERALD FOR NOW.

NO RESPONSE. PATCH ME THROUGH TO NICOLE. SHE WOULD'VE SPOKEN TO MY TEAMMATES LAST.

SURE. JUST A SECOND. SO GLAD HER EXILE WAS OVER-TURNED...

ZAK!

GRR... HEAR THAT? I'M DOING FINE.

HAHA! CALL ME WHEN YOU'VE MADE A COMPLETE MESS. LOVE YOU.

YEAH-YEAH, LOVE YOU, TOO.



NICOLE!
IT'S
KNUCKLES.

I CAN'T
REACH
ANYONE
ON THE
ISLAND.

NEITHER COULD I, BUT
YOU LEFT BEFORE I
COULD TELL YOU.

MAYBE SHE INTER-
CEPTED THE SIGNAL,
FIRST, AND WENT
AHEAD OF YOU?



NO.

VECTOR AND I HAVE
THE ONLY WARP
RINGS.*

RRRUMBLE!

*CHAOTIX
QUEST--
SU #46-
49.



SOMETHING
IS *VERY*
WRONG
HERE.

SURE IS.
C'MON, WE'LL
SEARCH THE
ISLAND
TOGETHER.
NO MORE
SURPRISES.

YOU MENTIONED FLASHES OF
LIGHT EARLIER. THINK THOSE
MIGHT'VE BEEN WARP RINGS?
Y'KNOW--DOC FINNY-WHATSIT?

FINITEVUS. IT
CROSSED MY MIND,
BUT IF IT WAS HIM,
WHY WOULD HE
LEAVE YOU
ALONE?

HE'S GOT
JUST AS MUCH
REASON TO
HATE YOU,
TOO.**

**5TH #180-184.



GOOD
POINT.

DAYS
AGO...



"SO WHO ELSE
HAS A WARP
RING?"

FOUND YA
AT LAST!

THANKS FER DROPPIN'
ONE OF YER RINGS IN DOWN-
UNDA. MADE GETTIN' TO ANGEL
ISLAND A WHOLE LOT SIMPLER.

HMPH. 'COURSE
YER NOT HOME.
TRACK HIM, MATES.
FINITEVUS
MIGHT STILL
BE...

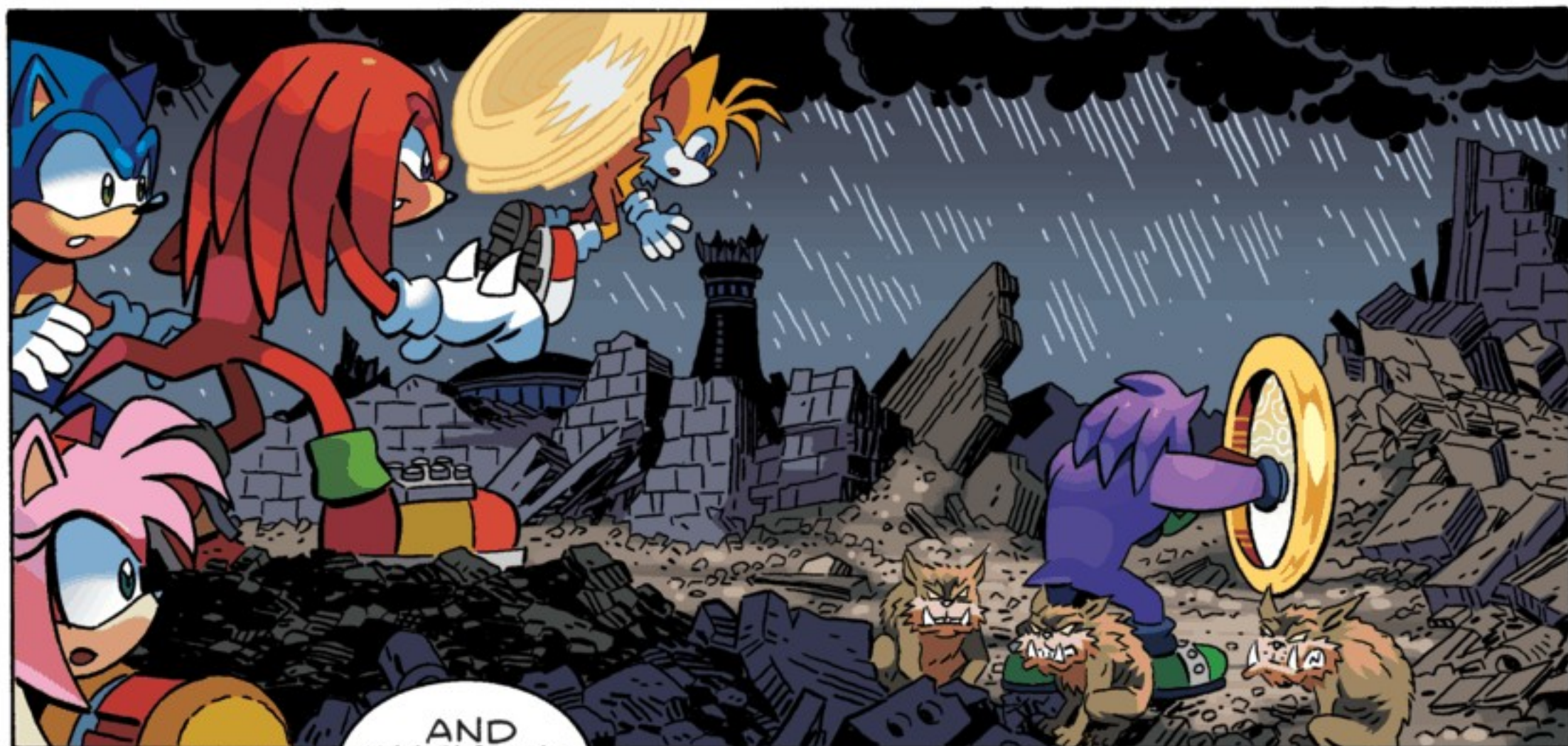
HELLO-HELLO...NOTES ON
THE ECHIDNA HOMELAND
ITSELF, AND...

...HOW TO
SUPER-
CHARGE
A WARP
RING?

NOW...

I CAN THINK
OF ONE GUY,
BUT I DON'T
KNOW WHY
HE'D BE
HERE.

HOLD
UP! I SEE
SOMEONE!



AND THAT'S THE LAST OF 'EM.



THRASH! YOU ARE HERE! YOU BETTER HAVE SOME ANSWERS!

THIS THE GUY YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT A SECOND AGO?

YEAH. WE WERE IN DOWNUNDA.* HE WAS HELPING OUT THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS THERE.

RIGHT-O. AND AFTER THAT BIT OF BUSINESS, I TOOK UP ME OLD QUEST. WHICH IS NOW ALL DONE, THANKS IN PART TO YOU, KNUCKLES.

THANKS TO ME?

*SONIC UNIVERSE VOL. 3 GRAPHIC NOVEL

YOU LET ME KEEP THAT WARP RING I FOUND AFTER OUR LITTLE ADVENTURE IN DOWNUNDA. THAT HELPED ME TAKE CARE OF THOSE GIRLS YOU HAD POSTED AT THE MASTER EMERALD... AND **THAT** HELPED ME TAKE CARE OF ALL THE ECHIDNAS IN YER HOMETLAND.

ALL OF... WHAT DO YOU... WHERE ARE THEY?

GONE. NEVER TO TROUBLE THIS WORLD AGAIN.

SNAP!

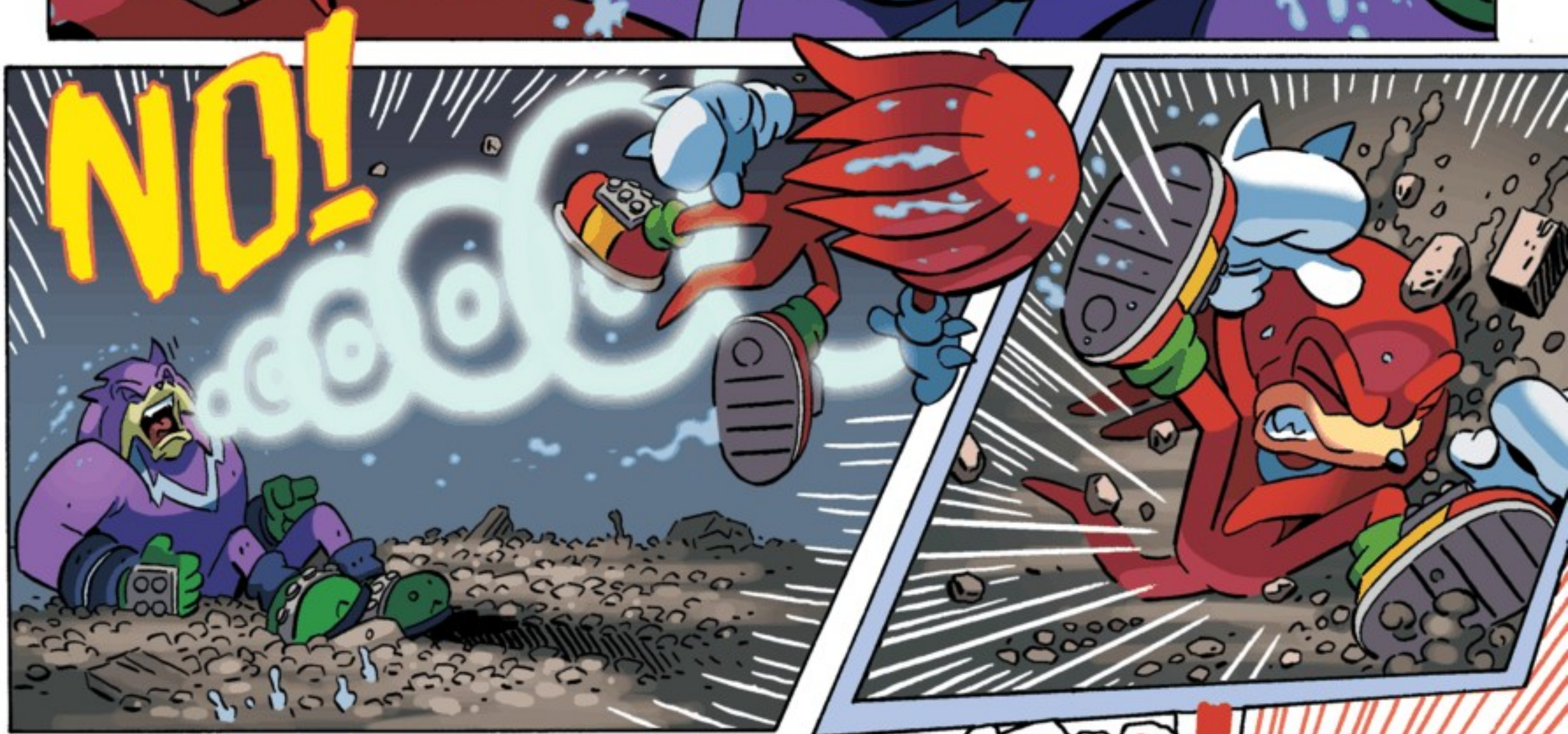
FWASH!

SO THANKS. NOW WE'RE EVEN.

BRING THEM BACK!

GRRR

POW!







HEY,
SONIC?
I'M
BAAA-ACK!

THE ECHIDNAS--
GONE! ONLY THRASH
HAS THE KEY TO THE
RESCUE, AND HE'S GOT A
PACK OF DEVIL DOGS
TO PROTECT HIM!
AND WHAT'S UP WITH
METAL KNUCKLES?
COME BACK NEXT TIME FOR
PART THREE OF
"ENDANGERED SPECIES!"

CHECK
IN ON THE
CHAOTIX'S
QUEST IN SONIC
UNIVERSE!
AND DON'T MISS OUT
ON THE SONIC
SUPER SPECIAL
MAGAZINE,
THE SONIC SUPER
DIGEST, AND THE
COMPLETE
SONIC GRAPHIC
NOVEL LIBRARY!

the SONIC SPIN

editorial commentary that will NOT be messing with Thrash the Devil anytime soon...

WHERE HAVE ALL THE ECHIDNAS GONE?!?

Wow, bet you didn't see THAT coming, huh? Well, at New York Comic Con's "Archie Action Panel" this past October, we DID say that this story wouldn't be called "Endangered Species" for nothing. Where did Thrash send the inhabitants of the Echidna Homeland? Are they perhaps in the company of the long-since-vanished "Brotherhood"? Just how many more message board threads will be created to "discuss" this? Only time, and possibly Thrash, can tell. And if you want more Thrash action, be sure to pick up Sonic Universe vol3 Graphic Novel, on sale now, which features Thrash's very first appearance!

In the meantime, we've got two more parts to the "Endangered Species" puzzle to put together, so you're gonna wanna bring it right on back here next month to see how this story unfolds! A special shout-out to Steven Butler for the incredible pencils for this whole arc - 2013 will mark Steven's 15th year drawing Sonic the Hedgehog comics! Let's all wish Steven a happy 15 years of true blue action, and here's to many more!

SEE YA NEXT MONTH! - Paul

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IN THESE AWESOME PAGES
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LETTERS

DUE TO THE OVERWHELMING AMOUNT OF FAN RESPONSE IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO REPLY TO EACH FAN. SPACE LIMITATIONS MAY REQUIRE SOME PRINTED LETTERS TO BE EDITED. ALL YOUR LETTERS ARE APPRECIATED!

Hmmm where to start, where to start...wait a tick, this e-mail is titled "PLEASE READ! YOU'RE AWESOME!!!" -- I approve of this!

Dear Sonic-Grams, I really enjoy reading the Archie comics.

I like where this is going!

Especially the Sonic ones.

I like where this went!

Sonic is my current obsession, and I am temporarily his #1 fan girl.

I'll be the judge of that -- and since I am the judge of that, I officially dub you "Sonic's #1 fan girl," with all the rights, privileges and honors thereof.

I was just sending this to tell you how much I really love the comics and I just LOVE how you actually put expression into Shadow's face.

His face, eh?

Usually he is the "non-emotion" face person (or hedgehog) and you can't really tell what he is feeling.

Like a high school yearbook.

I love the comics so much, in fact, I even got the 1 year subscription for the U.S. I really love

you guys... keep up the good work! And please reply if possible!!! It would please me to know that someone actually took the time to read a silly little email by me.

Oh well... bye!
Claudia E.
sent to sonic@archiecomics.com

*Claudia, Sonic's #1 fan girl, it was our sincerest pleasure to read your e-mail! In fact, we read ALL the e-mail people send us. *glares coldly at those of you who know who you are.**

Dear Sonic-Grams, I just read STH 242 and am excited for Endangered Species. I am a huge fan of Metal Sonic and am hoping he will be in 243. I was wondering how many times Eggman has built him or any relation of him.

For the complete tally of all the Metal Sonics, pick up the Complete Sonic Comic Encyclopedia -- on sale now at archiecomics.com or fine retailer nearest you! Plugplugplug

I was wondering if I can be Metal Sonic 3.0's number 1 fan.

Thanks, and keep on juicin',

Metal Sonic 3.0's #1 fan
Drew M.
from Indiana

There sure is a lot of demand for arbitrary numbering today, but since arbitrary power comes with arbitrary responsibility, sure! Drew M. from Indiana is now Metal Sonic 3.0's #1 fan! Wait, does that make you Metal Sonic 1.0's #3 fan?? My head hurts...

Dear Sonic-Grams, Harvey Who -- who is he?

Jeffrey P.
from Nova Scotia,
CANADA

Exactly!

Dear Sonic-Grams, I just love the Sonic comics!!! Everything is so interesting. I love reading all the issues. Keep up the good work!!!

Your #1 Sonic fan,
Kaylynn Lee M.
sent to sonic@archiecomics.com

Will diddly do! Thank you for the kind words, Kaylynn Lee!

That's all for this month, Sonic fans! Bring it on back next month for more endangered action in Endangered Species pt3 (of 4)! Also, don't forget to check out the awesome Chaotix story happening right now in Sonic Universe!

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RELEASE THE DEVIL DOGS!
THE DARK ORIGIN OF THRASH IS REVEALED, LEADING TO ONE OF THE FIERCEST BATTLES EVER IN
"ENDANGERED SPECIES"
PART 3 (of 4)
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